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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: HUMAN RIGHTS

1. OPPOSITION DAILY LA PRENSA OF MARCH 29, CARRIED EDITORIAL COMMENTARY BY INTERNATIONAL LAW EXPERT LUIS PASOS ARGUELLO ENTITLED "REJECTING AID". PRESIDENT CARTER IS APPLAUDED FOR "OPENING ANEW EARA WITH A NEW SPITIT...FOUNDED ON MORAL VALUES WHICH EH EMPHASIZED HUMAN RIGHTS".

2. THE VIEW THAT U.S. INTERNATIONAL CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS CONSTITUTES INTERVENTION IS REJECTED AND THAT THE U.S. IS JUSTIFIED IN NOT PROVIDING AID TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO DO NOT USE IT WELL BECAUSE "INSTEAD OF BEING OF BENEFIT THESE OPERATIONS CONTRARY TO THE DESIRED EFFECT, RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE INTENDED BENEFICIARY, THE PEOPLE".

3. THE COMMENTARY NOTES THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT ONLY AN ISSUE OF INTERNAL LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED STATES BUT BECAUSE OF THE UN'S UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN, THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MAN, THE INTER-AMERICAN CHARTER OF SOCIAL GUARANTEES, THE ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED TO THE LEVEL OF INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. "ALL AMERICAN NATIONS ARE OBLIGED BY COLLECTIVE INTER-

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NATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS".

4. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT "THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE MORAL PRINCIPLES OF PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES, BECAUSE TO BE OFFENDED BY THEM IS TO LPEN THE CURTAIN, TO CONFESS THEMSELVES AS VIO LATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, EVEN WHILE TRYING TO COVER IT UP WITH A PHARISCAICAL SHEET OF

FALSE NATIONALISM WHICH THEY THEMSELVES HAVE TRODDEN ON SO MANY
TIMES". ITEM. FITZGERALD

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